

SSB 2023 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

GENERAL

Who can participate?

Answer: Anyone aged 7 years old and above up to a maximum of 3 members per group may participate in Singapore Science Buskers.

Which category should I sign up for if I am participating with my parent/sibling/friend?

Answer: Your team will have to participate in the category where the oldest member is currently under.

For example, a primary school student participating with their parent will have to register under the tertiary/ open category.

When we say scientific terms, and don't elaborate, will we be penalised?

Answer: Good question! Science busking video is for everyone of all ages to learn. We would like to challenge you to make the scientific terms simple for all to understand.

What if our experiment does not work sometimes?

Answer: We encourage you to 'never give up'. The 'failed' process is what makes learning fun! Just continue with your busking and show us how creative you are with your recovery!

Will we be penalised when we unknowingly did an experiment that is done by others?

Answer: No, definitely not!

We can tell some jokes while the experiment, right?

Answer: Yes! A science joke would be interesting!

Are we allowed to change our demo topic (to a different one from the one we stated in the registration form)?

Answer: Yes, you can but kindly please update us of the changes.



AUDITIONS

How will the auditions be conducted?

Answer: The auditions for SSB 2023 will be onsite at Annex Hall, Science Centre Singapore from 3rd – 7th July. Your team will be allocated a timeslot to busk your science demonstrations to the judges.

Will there be equipment (tables/chairs/power source) provided for auditions?

Answer: There will be tables (estimated. 120cmx60cm) and chairs at the venue provided, if teams require a table or chair, they can use the provided tables/chairs to set up. **However, the tables/chairs will not be available for Final Round.** Do note that for auditions, the set-up of performance is also judged, teams are encouraged to use their creativity and own props for set-up.

Power point will be provided. Teams who require more than 1 power point, please bring along an extension cable.

Do note: The venue will have air-conditioning during audition round. Lights will not be switched off for any team's busking. Kindly ensure that the teams' busking can continue under the stated environment.

What is the exact dimensions of space given to teams during auditions?

Answer: The space given will be about 2m x 1.5m (TBC after registration close).

How much time is given to teams for set-up?

Answer: Teams are given about 30-45 minutes to do set up before judges arrive for their judging slot.

Are teams allowed to use portable microphones for their auditions?

Answer: No, teams are not allowed to use portable microphones. Judges will be close to them to hear their performances.

How long should the presentation be during the auditions?

Answer: Participants are given only up to 5 minutes to present during the audition.

Can we add some lighting and mysterious fog during audition to create suspense?

Answer: Yes, you can! Creativity is one of the elements we look for during auditions!

Can we cover multiple topics or only one?

Answer: You can cover multiple topics, but please keep your busking within 5 minutes.

Can pre-recorded videos be shown during the auditions?

Answer: No, all forms of pre-recorded videos will not be allowed to be shown to the judges during the auditions. Singapore Science Buskers auditions will be mainly focused on the participants' live performance and interaction with our judges



SHORTLISTED TEAMS

How will I know that I've been shortlisted?

Answer: You will be notified through email by Mid-August, or you can also follow our FB page for frequent updates on SSB 2023! <https://www.facebook.com/sciencebuskers>

Are we required to submit a video for People's Choice Awards if we are shortlisted for the finals?

Answer: No, SSB 2023 People's Choice Awards will be based purely on onsite voting during the final busking round so do keep in mind to busk throughout the day to gather as many votes as you can!

What do I need to do if my team is shortlisted for the finals?

Answer: There will be a final round of busking held in Mid Oct -Early Nov. Shortlisted teams will be notified with more details closer to the date. Tentatively:

Day 1: Busk to judges on stage according to the timeslot allocated and busk to the public in your respective allocated space throughout the day.

Day 2: Busk to the public in the morning and we will be announcing the winners for the competition during the awards ceremony in the afternoon!

Will there be a workshop like the one conducted before auditions for shortlisted teams?

Yes! We will be extending out invitations to join our onsite masterclass where you will receive a consultation session with our busking expert to fine tune your busking.

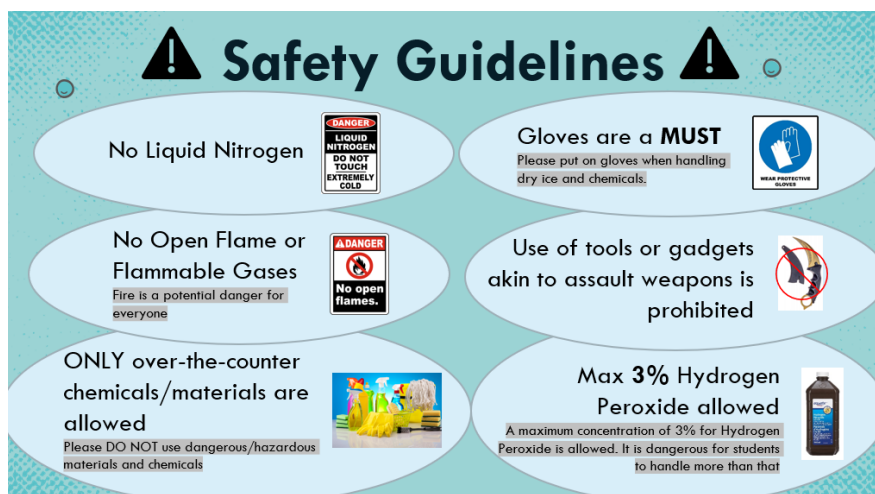
Can we change the experiment after we were qualified to finals?

Answer: Yes, if possible, please update us.







ANY OTHER QUESTIONS ON FINALS:

Answer: Details on the venue, exact date and exact dimensions of space given to teams for final round will only be provided closer to the date. Shortlisted teams will receive the full event brief that includes the layout plan of the venue, safety guidelines for final round busking and their allocated on-stage judging timeslot.

MATERIALS FOR EXPERIMENT



! Safety Guidelines !

- No Liquid Nitrogen**
Please DO NOT use dangerous/hazardous materials and chemicals

- Gloves are a MUST**
Please put on gloves when handling dry ice and chemicals.

- No Open Flame or Flammable Gases**
Fire is a potential danger for everyone

- Use of tools or gadgets akin to assault weapons is prohibited**

- ONLY over-the-counter chemicals/materials are allowed**
Please DO NOT use dangerous/hazardous materials and chemicals

- Max 3% Hydrogen Peroxide allowed**
A maximum concentration of 3% for Hydrogen Peroxide is allowed. It is dangerous for students to handle more than that


Can we use everyday materials or easy experiments for this audition?

Answer: Yes! Science busking is about keeping it simple for people to understand more about the science topics.

Can chemicals be used?

Answer: Yes, all over-the-counter chemicals and materials are allowed. However, if you are unsure, you may check with us first!

Is liquid nitrogen allowed?

Answer: No, liquid nitrogen is not allowed.

Is the usage of fire in any form allowed?

Answer: No, anything that deals with the usage of fire should be avoided. No open flames (Including candles, Bunsen burner) or flammable gases are allowed.

While fire is not allowed, may we use electric hot plate to heat things?

Answer: Yes, you are allowed to use an induction cooker.

Can I not use safety protections?

Answer: As safety is our priority, safety protections such as face shields, goggles, earmuffs and gloves must be always worn when conducting experiments.